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SUMMARY: GIP CAM VAN APPEARED FOR AN INTERVIEW ON MARCH 1, 1976. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING QUAN FAMILY'S STATUS FOLLOWS.

1. GIP CAM VAN IS NOT THE WIFE OF QUAN TE TO; SHE IS HIS THIRD COUSIN; THE TWO INTEND TO BE MARRIED.

2. IT WAS DETERMINED DURING THE INTERVIEW THAT GIP CAM VAN HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED PREVIOUSLY ON OCTOBER 7, 1975, BUT THE INTERVIEW ONLY CONCERNED HER STATUS AS A REFUGEE AND NOT THAT OF THE QUAN FAMILY (HER APPLICATION WAS FILED IN A DOSSIER CONCERNING QUAN CHUONG, HER UNCLE.) DURING THE OCTOBER INTERVIEW SHE MERELY EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS A REFUGEE FROM VIETNAM WHO ARRIVED IN TAIWAN MAY 28, 1975 AND WAS RE-SETTLED THROUGH THE REFUGEE CAMP IN KAOHSIUNG. MISS GIP WAS WORKING AT THAT TIME AND WAS INFORMED THAT SINCE SHE WAS OVERSEAS CHINESE, SPEAKING MANDARIN AND CANTONESE, AND RESETTLED FROM THE REFUGEE CAMP, SHE WAS INELIGIBLE FOR REFUGEE STATUS UNDER THE ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES. MISS GIP EXPLAINED, ON MARCH 1ST, THAT WHEN SHE WAS TOLD OF HER INELIGIBILITY IN OCTOBER, SHE IMMEDIATELY BECAME

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DESPONDENT AND LEFT WITHOUT MENTIONING THE QUAN FAMILY.

3. GIP CAM VAN HAS BEEN WORKING AS A WATER ANALYST AT THE HUALONG CORPORATION IN TOUFEN, TAIWAN SINCE JULY 1975. QUAN TE TO IS LIVING IN TAOYUAN, TAIWAN (APPRX. 60 MILES AWAY) AND IS LOOKING FOR WORK. THE ELDEST QUAN DAUGHTER, QUAN CHAO BIN, SPEAKS SOME MANDARIN AND IS EMPLOYED IN TAOYUAN AS A SALES CLERK. THE PARENTS AND REST OF THEIR CHILDREN LIVE OUTSIDE KAOHSIUNG AND ARE BEING SUPPORTED FROM THE EARNINGS OF GIP CAM VAN AND QUAN CHAO BIN. QUAN TE TO IS HAVING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE HE SPEAKS VIETNAMESE, CANTONESE AND ENGLISH BUT NO MANDARIN.

4. GIP CAM VAN PRODUCED A LETTER FROM MR. WILLIAM K. BERG, DATED AUGUST 13, 1975, WHICH ATTESTED TO HER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE VINNELL CORPORATION (REPORTED IN TAIPEI 1206). SHE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HER FIANCÉE, QUAN TE TO, WORKED AT THE U.S. ARMY POST EXCHANGE IN BIEN-HOA, LONG BIEN AS A SALES CLERK IN THE HI-FI REPAIR SHOP FOR TWO YEARS. THE FACT THAT THEY BOTH WORKED FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT MADE THE ENTIRE FAMILY FEARFUL FOR THEIR LIVES DURING THE LAST DAYS OF APRIL 1975.

5. MISS GIP MIGHT POSSIBLY QUALIFY FOR LABOR CERTIFICATION, DEPENDING ON THE AREA OF INTENDED IMMIGRATION IN THE U.S., SINCE SHE SPEAKS FAIRLY GOOD ENGLISH AND, ACCORDING TO THE VINNELL CORPORATION LETTER, IS AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE QUAN FAMILY WOULD BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS.

6. BASED ON THE FACTS PRESENTED BY GIP CAM VAN IT APPEARS THAT THE STATUS OF THIS FAMILY HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THEIR RESETTLEMENT FROM THE REFUGEE CAMP, UNLESS CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THE QUAN'S SON, QUAN TO HA, BEING IN THE UNITED STATES AS AN INDEFINITE REFUGEE (HE WAS NOT LISTED ON MR. QUAN'S PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE AS A RELATIVE RESIDING IN THE U.S.). MISS GIP MENTIONED THAT EVEN THOUGH SHE AND THE QUAN FAMILY WERE SURVIVING THEY ALL FEEL THAT LIFE WOULD BE MUCH EASIER FOR THEM

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